Request for supply of foodgrains to Public Distribution System in Tripura

1228. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSU MER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRI BUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special request from the State of Tripura has been received for urgent supply of foodgrains for sustaining the Public Distribution System ; and

(b) if so, the steps beings taken by Government to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Normal allocations of wheat and rice are 1800 tons and 16200 tons per month respectively. Bulk allocations of foodgrains are made to States/UTs including Tripura taking into account, the stocks in Central Poo!, procurement made, inter-se lequirements of States/UTs and seasonal factors. Allocations of foodgrains through PDS are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirement of any State. Normal allocation has not been increased.

Powers and functions of members of District consumer fora

1229. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRI BUTION be pleased to state :

(a) what are the guidelines and method of appointment of the members of the district consumer fora in the country ;

(b) whether the facilities regarding T.A., D.A., etc are being provided to the members of district consumer fora;

(c) whether it is a fact that the members of the district consumers fora have no powers to inspect the files, records of the case, and in taking final decisions on the matters;

(d) whether it is also a faot that all the functions and powers of the district consumer Fora are being exercised solely by the Presiding Officers; and

?e) if so, whether Government propose to consider the delegation of powers arid facilities to the members of the district consumer fora and also lay down clear cut rules-and guidelines for the collective functioning of these Fora ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, 1993, every appointment in the District Forum shall be made by the State Government on the recommendations of the Selection Committe consisting of the following, namely—

(i) The President of the State Commission—Chairman.

(ii) Secretary, Law Department of the State—Member.

(iii) Secretary incharge of the Department dealing with consumer affairs in the State—Member.

Under the provisions of the Amended Act, each District Forum shall consist of—

(a) a person who is, or has been, or is qualified to be a District Judge, who shall be its President;

(b) Two other members, who shall be persons of ability integrity and standing and have (adequate knowledge or experience of, or have shown capacity in dealing with, problems relating to economics, law, commerce, accountancy, industry, public affairs or administration, one of whom shall be a woman ;

(K) The facilities regarding TA, DA etc. have been prescribed in the consumer protection rules framed by the State Governments under the Consumer Protection Act,